

**City of Selah
Council Minutes
of
May 25, 2004**

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Bob Jones called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Brian Harris, Jerry Kobes, Pete McNew, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt, Scott Smeback

Members Excused: Keith Larson

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Recreation Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; John Gawlik, Building and Code Enforcement Officer; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Rex VanBeek led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Councilman Jerry Kobes proposed adding an item for the Selah C.A.N. funding proposal. Without objection, this Item was added as Ordinance N – 1.

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

Councilman Kobes introduced Peggy McDonald from Treetop's Media Marketing Division. She stated Treetop is a grower-owned cooperative that is the world's largest apple processor with plants in Washington, Oregon and California. She stated the company is always looking for more ways to use apples, noting apples are sometimes disguised as peaches or other fruits in products such as cereals. She stated she is on the packaged goods side of the business, dealing with companies like Costco, Walmart, mass merchandisers, and restaurants. She stated the new products strategy is to increase business, using more growers' products and emphasizing profitability. She went on to discuss a new product called Flat Fruit. She noted these new flat fruit products are available at Save on Foods, Top Foods, Safeway, and Albertsons and that schools are expressing an interest in offering healthful snacks. She stated that while this product does not fall into "low carb" trends of today, it is 100% fruit, no sugar added and full of antioxidants like vitamin C. It will be sold in the produce department. She passed around samples of these products.

Mayor Jones thanked Ms. McDonald for her informative presentation.

G. Communications

1. Oral
2. Written
 - a. Thank you card from Teal Tigers Soccer Team
 - b. Selah Youth Soccer Club Press Release

Mayor Jones congratulated Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Hagler on the success of this year's soccer program, noting 507 kids participated.

- c. Yakima County Water Conservancy Board Information Sheet and Application

Councilman Schmid noted there is a position available on this board if anyone is interested. He stated Administrative Assistant Julie Gray has application forms. Mayor Jones noted the importance of water now and in the future.

- d. Yakima County Law and Justice Tax Initiative

Councilman Schmid stated this issue was discussed by YVCOG at a recent meeting. He suggested having a study session on this issue and having Sheriff Irwin attend. He noted the problem with this Initiative is that there is no guarantee that the new monies received through this process will not supplant monies already going to law and justice. He noted his unwillingness to "buy" the promise of Commissioners that current funding will not be supplanted when there is no wording that will prevent its happening. He noted $\frac{1}{3}$ of monies are earmarked for law and justice, but the other $\frac{2}{3}$ are not; city councils will make the decision where the latter will go.

Mayor Jones stated he has discussed this with Yakima County Sheriff Ken Irwin who is willing to participate in a study session. The Mayor expressed his concern with the percentages cities will receive. He stated the City of Selah could really use Law & Justice aid. He stated a one hour study session will be dedicated to this topic before the June 8, 2004 regular Council Meeting.

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: April 27, 2004
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll – Claims check nos. 42990 - 43071 for a total of \$196,539.76, Claims check nos. 43072 - 43166 for a total of \$92,725.83, Payroll check nos. 53531 - 53623 for a total of \$131,436.84 and Payroll check nos. 53624 - 53699 for a total of \$98,015.29.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Schmid and Councilman Schmidt seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

1. Resolution to Surplus Miscellaneous Fire Department Equipment

Fire Chief Jerry Davis stated that this Resolution will allow his department to keep the better of two pumper trucks that have been replaced and make the other available for sale. He stated his department also has two wildland water tanks and two truck utility boxes they wish to surplus.

Councilman Kobes moved and Councilman Smeback seconded approve the Resolution to Surplus Miscellaneous Fire Department Equipment. Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman McNew – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Selah and the City of North Bend for Joint Purchasing

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski said this agreement allows the City to join with the city of North Bend for purchase of equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilman Schmidt moved and Councilman Schmid seconded to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Selah and the City of North Bend for Joint Purchasing. Roll was called. Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman McNew – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes. Motion carried.

N. Ordinances

1. Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment of \$2,500 for the Selah Community Action Group (Selah C.A.N.) for Continued Operation of the Teen Center

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Kobes seconded to adopt the Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment of \$2,500 for the Selah Community Action Group (Selah C.A.N.) for Continued Operation of the Teen Center.

Discussion ensued regarding a visit by the Council to the Teen Center. It was agreed upon that the visit need not precede the vote on this issue.

Roll was called. Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman McNew – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental
 - a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Monthly Report – March 2004
 - b. Police Department Monthly Report – April 2004
 - c. Planning Commission Minutes of February 17, 2004 - Approved
 - d. Selah Municipal Court Monthly Report – April 2004
 - e. Selah Fire Marshal Monthly Report – April 2004

Councilman Smeback asked to have the Department Heads estimate their fuel usage and whether that will impact their budgets, and if so project ways to address that problem. The City Supervisor said that will be done.

Councilman Harris stated Community Days went particularly well this year. He reported having raised \$5,316.00 in the dog pen on South 1st Street he shared with his brother-in-law Jerry Sutton.

Councilman Kobes thanked Joe Henne and the Public Works crew, Rick Gutierrez and the Police Department for their extra work over Community Days. He stated there were more people at the parade than ever before.

Councilman Schmid praised the outstanding job everybody did on Community Days, especially the Public Works crew, Jerry Kobes, Gerry and Jerry Henry. He stated no one can take the float trophy away from Selah; ours is beautiful. He expressed his enthusiasm for the Selah Fire Trucks in the parade. He praised the graphics and lights on the new Police department Expedition.

Councilman McNew also praised Community Days and those who made it such a success. He commended Mayor Jones and Police Chief Gutierrez for their handling of touchy issues at recent meetings.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported that the pool is full and praised the work his crew did for Community Days.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported he, Councilman Kobes and Kip Eagles from the Planning Commission will attend the Shorelines Master Program hearing Wednesday night. He further reported three preliminary plats will be coming before the Planning Commission or Hearing Examiner and that they will come to Council soon.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski reported that as of the month sales tax is 9% above last year, and if that is projected out through the end of the year, it will mean approximately \$48,000 over the amount anticipated in the budget.

Mayor Jones reported that some youngsters have broken light fixtures at the east shelter in Wixson Park and have thrown rocks in the pool. He asked the Council to okay the purchase of cameras to help catch the culprits. He stated he is willing to take the parents to civil court and make them pay for damages.

Joe Henne stated he will get an estimate on camera equipment.

Mayor Jones stated the vandalism seems to be random. He stated the pool looks great, but it is old and constantly needs repair. Mayor Jones went on to report on the Valley Mayors' meeting the previous week where the topic of discussion was stormwater. He stated no one seems to have cost estimates, rather the state just wants cities to provide increased funding. He suggested Selah might want to join in a class action suit. He noted no one has begun to address the responsibility for farming wastewater.

Councilman Kobes stated we need a cost benefit analysis, perhaps a separation basin is the answer.

Mayor Jones stated that farming wastewater was one of the major points of contention in Kittitas County in regards to salmon recovery. That was why it was so important to get them involved.

Councilman Schmid reported this has been a problem on the west side for a number of years; they are trying to enforce the same standards in the arid parts of the state that they do on the rainy side.

Mayor Jones stated the City of Yakima is planning to add "an assessment" or in other words a "tax" to pay for this. He stated Selah will not do that. He stated the citizens of this valley deserve to have quality water without needless spending. He promised the City will not roll over and play dead on this issue.

Councilman McNew asked if the City should plan for the contingency of the new Iman initiative passing.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet responded that the Initiative will first need enough signatures to get on the ballot. If it does, then we will need to make more specific plans.

Mayor Jones stated the City of Selah has already cut back as much as it's able. He predicted the passage of another tax initiative would necessitate cutbacks in basic services.

Librarian Diane Wilkinson reported on the Library summer reading program, noting that Selah businesses have been very generous in donating prizes for the program.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Kobes moved and Council Member Schmidt seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Gerald Kobes Council Member

(Excused)

Keith Larson, Council Member

Peter McNew, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

Scott Smeback, Council Member

Brian Harris, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer